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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A cover structure for a portable electronic device, comprising:

a back cover; and

a front cover;

wherein, said ~~back cover~~ front cover forms a unitary main joint portion, said ~~front cover~~ back cover forms a shell, said main joint portion has a channel extending therethrough ~~an arcuate wall~~, and a ~~cutout~~ recessed portion ~~[[is]] formed [[on]] at an outer surface thereof~~ recessed portion ~~[[is]] formed [[on]] at an outer surface thereof~~ areuate wall, and when assembling said back and front covers are assembled, a knuckle is formed by means of said shell engaging with said main joint portion ~~on the cutout~~ at said recessed portion thereof.

Claim 2 (currently amended): The cover structure as claimed in claim 1, wherein said main joint portion forms a protruding portion on the outer surface thereof, and the protruding portion has a first edge adjacent said recessed portion, said cutout portion of said main joint portion has a first edge, said shell has a second edge, and when assembling said ~~the~~ cover structure, said ~~front cover~~ back cover mates with said ~~back cover~~ front cover, said shell fits to said ~~cutout~~ recessed portion, and said second edge presses close against said first edge to form a distinct dividing line

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therebetween.

Claim 3 (currently amended): The cover structure as claimed in claim 2, wherein ~~said~~ the cover structure forms different colors on said front cover and said back cover with a distinct and regular boundary including said dividing line.

Claim 4 (currently amended): The cover structure as claimed in claim 2, wherein said shell comprises a ~~curve~~ curved plate with said second edge, and said ~~curve~~ curved plate can closely fit in said ~~cutout~~ recessed portion of the arcuate wall of ~~the~~ said main joint portion.

Claim 5 (currently amended): The cover structure as claimed in claim 1, wherein the knuckle has a ~~first~~ fastening means to fix ~~the~~ said shell on ~~the~~ said main joint portion.

Claim 6 (currently amended): The cover structure as claimed in claim 5, wherein said fastening means comprises at least one opening formed in ~~the cutout~~ said recessed portion, and at least one projection extending forwardly from the inside of ~~the~~ said shell, and when the cover structure is assembled, the projection is fixed in the opening.

Claim 7 (currently amended): The cover structure as claimed in claim 5, wherein said fastening means ~~[[is]]~~ comprises any one or more of clamping clips ~~clamping~~, screws engaging ~~with~~ in holes, ~~[[or]]~~ and posts engaging with holding blocks.

Claim 8 (currently amended): The cover structure as claimed in claim 1, wherein said main joint portion is substantially a casing tube comprising an arcuate wall and a support neck, and said arcuate wall and said support neck cooperatively define said [a] channel ~~defined by said arcuate wall~~.

Claim 9 (currently amended): The cover structure as claimed in

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claim 1, further including a ~~second~~ fastening means to further fasten said ~~front cover~~ back cover to said ~~back cover~~ front cover at any workable position of the cover structure.

Claim 10 (currently amended): A cover structure for a portable electronic device with a hinge mechanism, comprising:

a back cover; and

a front cover;

wherein a knuckle extends from the ~~a~~ foot of said ~~the~~ cover structure to join said back and front covers together, wherein said knuckle comprises a main joint portion formed on said ~~back cover~~ front cover and a shell formed on said ~~front cover~~ back cover for covering said main joint portion, said main joint portion comprises a single casing tube defining a channel extending therethrough, said channel is configured to receive said hinge mechanism, said main joint portion forms a ~~cutout~~ recessed portion thereon for receiving said shell, and a distinct dividing line is formed at the joint of said shell and said main joint portion along said knuckle.

Claim 11 (original): The cover structure as claimed in claim 10, further including a fastening means to fix said shell on said main joint portion.

Claim 12 (currently amended): The cover structure as claimed in claim 11, wherein said fastening means ~~[[is]]~~ comprises any one or more of projections engaging ~~with~~ in openings, ~~clips~~ clamping clips, screws engaging ~~with~~ in holes, or posts engaging with holding blocks.

Claim 13 (currently amended): A cover structure for use with a hinged device, comprising:

opposite first and second halves ~~face-to-face~~ coupled to each other face to face and commonly defining ~~a rectangular~~ an interior space,

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the first half defining a unitary knuckle portion with a columnar channel extending therethrough, said knuckle portion defining an outward arcuate wall,
the second half having an inward arcuate mating shell at least partially circumferentially compliantly covering and supportably seated upon said outward arcuate wall[[;]], and
one of said first and second halves defining an opening and the other of said first and second halves defining a projection engaged within the opening so as to prevent relative axial and circumferential movement between ~~the~~ said first and second halves; wherein
~~the~~ said knuckle portion defines a groove for communication between the channel and said interior space.